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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shatas in view of Beckhart et al. It is contended that Shatas discloses all the limitations of the claims, except a plurality of sensors located in the housing in a front panel of a cassette. It is further contended that Beckhart discloses a similar device that includes a plurality of sensors located in a housing in a front panel of a cassette.

The rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 USC §103(a) based on Shatas and Beckhart is respectfully traversed.

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The present invention independent claim 1 recites:

"1. A calibration cassette pod for robot teaching comprising:

a cassette pod body and a cassette pod door ...;

a first plurality of ribs formed on the inside surface of said two side panels and said front panel each having a preset depth ... ;

an optical detector housing mounted on an opening in said front panel adapted for ...; and

an optical detector comprising a light emission source and a photodiode receiver ..."

The Applicants respectfully submit that neither Shatas nor Beckhart, or combination thereof, teaches the present invention cassette pod body, cassette pod door and a plurality of ribs formed on the body.

The rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 USC §103(a) based on Shatas and Beckhart is respectfully traversed. A reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

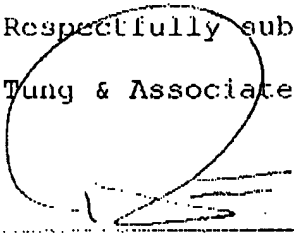
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Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. claims 1-9, are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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